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SUMMARY: RECENT MEETINGS WITH CYPOL HAVE BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING AND SOME HERETOFORE UNCOOPERATIVE POLICE WITNESSES ARE NOW BEGINNING TO COOPERATE. SOTIROIOU'S INFORMATION HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY CORROBORATED, THOUGH HIS LOCATING THE THREE PRIMARY SUSPECTS AT A MUCH HIGHER WINDOW WELL IN BUILDING FROM WHICH SHOOTING OCCURRED, CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE TO CYPOL AND MAY RESULT IN LESSER CHARGES AGAINST LEFTIS AND SAVVA. CYPOL INSPECTOR PETRIDES NOW FULLY COOPERATIVE IN WRAP-UP SESSIONS. NEW ABC FILM COVERAGE HAS HELPED IMMEASURABLY, REVEALING FULL-FACE PICTURE OF PERSON WITH THE DYNAMITE AND CLEARING UP OTHER GRAY AREAS. MOUROUZIDES/ PHERSON CONVERSATION CONFIRMED PRESIDENT MAKARIOS' WISHES FOR SPEEDY JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ONCE CYPOL COMPLETES ITS PREPARATION OF CASE FOR TRIAL. END SUMMARY.

1. JOHN PHERSON HAS MET FREQUENTLY WITH SOTIRIOU AND INSPECTOR PETRIDES SINCE THE LAST STATUS/PROGRESS REPORT. SOTIRIOU WAS REINTERVIEWED BY CYPOL, THIS TIME AT THE SCENE OF THE AUGUST 19, 1974 RIOTS, AND POINTED OUT WHERE HE HAD BEEN STANDING AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS PLACES HE HAD SEEN KTIMATIAS, LEFTIS AND LOIZOU SAVVA. HE ALSO IDENTIFIED THE SPECIFIC WINDOW WELL WITHIN THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHERE HE HAD SEEN THE THREE PRIMARY SUSPECTS AND FROM WHERE THE HEAVY VOLUME OF

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AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE BY KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS HAD BEEN

DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE WINDOW OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES. THE WINDOW WELL WAS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN CYPOL HAD THOUGHT IT TO BE. PETRIDES STATED THAT THIS NEW INFORMATION DID NOT RULE OUT THE PROBABILITY THAT THE MEN COULD ALSO HAVE FIRED FROM LOWER WINDOW WELLS AS THEY DESCENDED THE STAIRWELL. HE ADDED THAT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOW BE MORE DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN PRE-MEDIATED MUUDER CHARGES AGAINST LEFTIS AND LOUZOU SAVVA SOLELY ON SOTIRIOU'S INFORMATION.

2. A NUMBER OF POLICE HAVE NOW BEEN REINTERVIEWED BY PETRIDES IN THE PRESENCE OF THE POLICE ARTIST AT THE SCENE OF THE EMBASSY RIOTS. THEY INCLUDE:

A. FORMER CYPOL COOMANDER MICHAEL PANTELIDES. THIS PERSON REMAINS UNCOOPERATIVE AND HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY DETAILS WHICH WOULD HELP IN THE PROCESSING OF THE DAVIES INVESTIGATION.

B. CHIEF SUPT ANDREAS RIGAS. HE HAS BECOME CONSIDERABLY MORE COOPERATIVE AND HAS IDENTIFIED KTIMATIAS AS HAVING BEEN AT THE CORNER OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND IN A NATIONAL GUARD UNIFORM. HE CLAIMS HE DID NOT SEE KTIMATIAS FIRING A WEAPON, BUT HE POINTED OUT THE PLACE (WHERE KTIMATIAS HAD BEEN) WHERE HE HAD LATER RECOVERED SOME CARTRIDGE CASINGS FROM A KALASHNIKOV AUTOMATIC WEAPON.

C. INSPECTOR ANDREAS IERIDES. PETRIDES IS VERY PLEASED WITH THE COMPLETE REVERSAL OF IERIDES' ATTITUDE. IERIDES IS NOW COOPERATIVE AND HAS "FURNISHED A GOOD STATEMENT", ACCORDING TO PETRIDES. FURTHERMORE, IERIDES HAS POINTED OUT THE EXACT PLACE WHERE KTIMATIAS WAS SITUATED WHEN IERIDES SAW HIM FIRING A KALASHNIKOV WEAPON. (PREVIOUSLY HE HAD DENIED SEEING KTIMATIAS FIRING, EVEN WHEN SHOWN A PICTURE OF HIMSELF RESTRAINING KTIMATIAS FROM FURTHER FIRING. THIS TIME IERIDES RECOUNTED FOR PETRIDES HOW HE HAD RESTRAINED KTIMATIAS.) IERIDES ALSO STATED HE HAD SEEN LEFTIS AT THE SAME PLACE AS KTIMATIAS. (COMMENT: IERIDES' NEW SIGNED STATEMENT REPRESENTS A MAJOR BREAK-SECRET

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THROUGH IN CYPOL'S CASE AGAINST KTIMATIAS. NOW CYPOL WILL NOT HAVE TO RELY ON THE FILM COVERAGE, WHICH PROBABLY WOULD BE CHALLENGED IF INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE. FURTHER, WITH IERIDES' NEW STATEMENT, CYPOL NOW HAS FOUR WITNESSES WHO WILL PLACE LEFTIS AT THE SCENE: SOTIRIOU IERIDES, ACTING INSPECTOR AUGUSTIS EFSTATHIOU AND A CIVILIAN NAMED CHRISTOFOROS LAMBRIANIDES.)

D. INSPECTOR GEORGE CHRISTODOULOU, OF THE FIRE BRIGADE. THIS PERSON HAS ALSO HAD A CHANGE OF HEART REGARDING COOPERATING WITH CYPOL. WHEN BROUGHT TO THE SCENE, HE READILY POINTED OUT WHERE HE HAD SEEN KTIMATIAS AT THE CORNER OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE GROUND LEVEL. HE SAID KTIMATIAS HAD BEEN WEARING A NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER'S CAP. CHRISTODOULOU SAID HE "DID NOT REMEMBER" SEEING LEFTIS OR LOIZOU SAVVA AT THE SCENE. (COMMENT: THIS LAPSE OF MEMORY HAS BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH PETRIDES AND WITH KYPROS MOUROUZIDES, D/CIS. BOTH BELIEVE TUHAT CHRISTODOULOU MUST HAVE BEEN LEFTIS AND SAVVA AT THE SCENE BUT THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT WANT TO ADMIT IT, OR BECOME FURTHER INVOLVED. THEY THINK CHRISTODOULOU WANTS TO KEEP SOME OPTIONS OPEN, SHOULD WITNESSES OTHER THAN SOTIRIOU CLAIM CHRISTODOULOU ACKNOWLEDGED HAVING SEEN LEFTIS AND SAVVA AT THE SCENE.) CHRISTODOULOU CONFIRMED SITIRIOU'S STATEMENT THAT DURING THE JULY 15-AUGUST 19 PERIOD LIOZOU SAVVA WAS HEAVILY ARMED AND VISITED THE PAPHOS GATE FIRE STATION ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS.

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E. INSPECTOR ANDREAS HAVILARIS. HE WAS RE-INTERVIEWED AT THE SCENE AND POINTED OUT WHERE HE HAD SEEN KTIMATIAS, ARMED WITH A KALASHNIKOV WEAPON, ENTER THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND PRESUMABLY WALK UP THE STAIRWELL. (THIS CONFIRMS PART OF SOTIRIOU'S INFORMATION.)

F. ACTING INSPECTOR AUGUSTIS EFSTATHIOU. HE WAS RE-INTERVIEWED AT THE SCENE, VERIFIED HIS PRIOR INFORMATION, AND POINTED OUT WHERE HE HAD SEEN LEFTIS, IN THE COMPANY

OF KTIMATIAS, ON THE GROUND LEVEL AT THE CORNER OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

G. POLICE CONSTABLE ANDREAS APOSTOLOU. HE WAS RE-INTERVIEWED AT THE SCENE AND POINTED OUT WHERE HE HAD SEEN XENOFON XENOFONTOS FIRING A PISTOL AT THE EMBASSY. HE ALSO POINTED OUT WHERE HE HAD SEEN VASILIS PROESTOS HOLDING THREE STICKS OF DYNAMITE.

3. ANOTHER PERSON BROUGHT TO THE SCENE TO BE REINTERVIEWED WAS CHRISTOFOROS LAMBRIANIDES. HE POINTED OUT WHERE HE HAD SEEN LEFTIS, ARMED AND IN THE COMPANY OF KTIMATIAS.

(COMMENT: THE LAMBRIANIDES INFORMATION REPRESENTS AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT. WE HAD THOUGHT HE WOULD BE A DEFENDANT, AND HE MAY YET BE ONE. HE IS KNOWN TO BE AN AKEL ACTIVIST AND FUND-RAISER FROM STROVOLOS. DURING THE RIOTS ON AUGUST 19, 1974 HE DESTROYED A VEHICLE BELONGING TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER, WHICH ACT WAS WITNESSED BY AN FSLE. NOW LAMBRIANIDES WILL TESTIFY AGAINST  
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LEFTIS, AN EOKA-B TERRORIST, WHO IS ALSO FROM STROVOLOS.)

4. INSPECTOR PETRIDES OFFERED THESE COMMENTS REGARDING THE SUSPECTS WHO HAD DYNAMITE AT THE SCENE. GOC JUDICIAL PROCEDURES DO NOT REQUIRE WITNESSES TO GIVE PRIOR STATEMENTS IF THEY HAVE SEEN DYNAMITE POSSESSED OR USED IN AN ILLEGAL MANNER. NORMALLY THIS AREA IS COVERED AT THE DISTRICT COURT'S PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES. WITH RESPECT TO THE DAVIES CASE, CYPOL HAS FOUR WITNESSES WHO SAW VASILIS PROESTOS EITHER WITH DYNAMITE AT THE SCENE, OR USING IT IN A THREATENING MANNER, OR DETONATING IT. FURTHER, CYPOL HAS NEW INFORMATION THAT A PERSON NAMED HARALAMBOUS NICOLAOU ALSO WAS OBSERVED WITH DYNAMITE AT THE SCENE OF THE RIOTS. (COMMENT: NICOLAOU'S NAME HAS OFTEN APPEARED IN THESE REPORTS. UNTIL NOW CYPOL HAS INSISTED HE WAS AN APOLITICAL SHOEMAKER FROM MIA MILIA WHO HAD LOST EVERYTHING TO THE TURKS. PHERSON HAD DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT NICOLAOU WAS AN AKEL ACTIVIST WHO HAD APPEARED AT A NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT TO DATE CYPOL HAS TENDED TO DISCOUNT THIS. CYPOL'S SURFACING OF NICOLAOU AS A PROBABLE EXPLOSIVES-ARMED ACTIVIST IS REGARDED AS SIGNIFICANT TO THE CASE AND ALSO IS A FURTHER INDICATION OF INCREASING CANDOR ON CYPOL'S PART.)

5. THE ABC TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE AUGUST 19, 1974 RIOTS, OBTAINED THROUGH THE PERSISTENT EFFORTS OF AMBASSADOR HECK, HAS PROVED TO BE OF IMMEASURABLE VALUE TO EMBASSY AND CYPOL EFFORTS TO RECONSTRUCT EVENTS ON

THE DAY OF THE RIOTS. THE FILM PROVIDES MUCH NEW AND CRUCIAL INFORMATION. WE NOW HAVE:

A. A FULL-FACE PICTURE OF THE PERSON HOLDING THREE STICKS OF DYNAMITE.

B. A SOUND-TRACK RECORDING WHICH CLEARLY POINTS TO TWO EXPLOSIONS ATTRIBUTED TO DYNAMITE.

C. ONE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED, UNIFORMED, ARMED PERSONS SEEN IN OTHER FILMS APPEARS MORE CLEARLY IN THE NEW ABC FILM AND CAN BE SEEN FIRING A PISTOL TOWARD THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE WINDOW.

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D. A NUMBER OF PERSONS ARE SHOWN NEAR KTIMATIAS WHEN HE IS RESTRAINED BY IERIDES FROM FURTHER FIRING. SOME HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY CYPOL.

E. A FULL-LENGTH SHOT OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION SHOWING THE EXTENT OF ITS COMPLETION AND THE POSITION OF THE SCAFFOLDING. CYPOL IS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THIS PICTORIAL EVIDENCE.

6. THE CAVEATS REGARDING THE USE OF THE FILM, AS AGREED TO BY ABC AND THE DEPARTMENT, HAVE BEEN REVIEWED IN DEPTH WITH CYPOL. PHERSON PLANS TO BRIEF THE GOC ATTORNEY GENERAL AS WELL, TO ENSURE THE AGREEMENTS ARE NOT VIOLATED.

7. PHERSON HAS A LENGTHY MEETING WITH KYPROS MOUROUZIDES, D/CIS, ON DECEMBER 11, 1976 TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY SOME TROUBLESOME ASPECTS OF THE DAVIES INVESTIGATION. (IN A SIMILAR DISCUSSION A WEEK OR TEN DAYS EARLIER PHERSON HAD MENTIONED IN LOW KEY THE CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE OF INSPECTORS IERIDES AND CHRISTODOULOU. PERHAPS IT WAS ONLY COINCIDENCE, BUT BOTH PERSONS SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME MORE COOPERATIVE.) DURING THE DECEMBER 11 MEETING MOUROUZIDES MENTIONED THAT SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER PRESIDENT MAKARIOS HAD ASKED FOR A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DAVIES INVESTIGATION. MOUROUZIDES SAID HE HAD MENTIONED TO MAKARIOS THE CONCERN PHERSON HAD SHOWN ABOUT THE RELUCTANCE OF SOME WITNESSES TO BE COMPLETELY FORTH-COMING AND THE CONTINUALLY SLIPPING TARGET DATE FOR CYPOL'S COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION. MOUROUZIDES PASSED ON THE GIST OF MAKARIOS' COMMENTS, WHICH WERE TO THE EFFECT THAT CYPOL SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AT THEIR OWN PACE, BUT ONCE THE CASE WAS FORWARDED TO THE GOC ATTORNEY GENERAL, MAKARIOS WOULD EXPECT THE JUDICIAL

PROCEDURES TO CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION OR DELAY.

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